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m. 1750 Martha Newsome

John Burkhalter, R.S., b. 1763 Edgefield, SC; d. 1845 Marion Co., SC.
m. 1792 Sarah, wd. Louless & d/o Martin Harden II.

David Newsome Burkhalter b. 1803
m. Ann Eliza, d/o Col. Thomas & Dorothy (Jones) Short.

Peter Burkhalter, R.S., b. 1731 d. 1803.
m. Marie Steckle

John Burkhalter, R.S., b. 1713 d. 1812
m. Sarah M. ---

Michel
FP/795 John Joshua Jacob R.S.
(res. War/Co., GA)
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John Lawson b. 1805

(Note: There were other ch. of the above; but they are not listed in this article.)

Rev. Richard Jones & wf. Lady Jeffries of Devonshire, England.

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Abraham Jones of +1680 Elizabeth & James Cities, VA.

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Bethany Jones, a. ¹ Col. Isaac Short.

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Cindi, this appeared in a DAR Mag. of March 1922:
yes, 1922! The Burkhalter Family was established in GA by 5
brothers: Michel, Peter, Joshua, Abraham and John all said
to have come from Alsace-Lorraine where their family sought
refuge from religious persecution in Austria and Germany.
Members of their sect were scattered as refugees in the
Swiss and French Alps, Holland and England to alleviate
their sufferings, and Gen'l Oglethorpe offered them asylum
in the Colony of GA. Michel, one of the 5 bros. was b1725
and record of his death in an old family Bible shows he
d1828 when 103 yrs of age. He also located in SC thinking
it a good center for trading with the Indians and it was
while living there that one son John was born. He m1750
Martha Newsome whose father was also a patriot, and belonged
to the Newsome family from Yorkshire, England. He
apparently marr. twice as indicated in his will but it does
not mention her name. The will is dated 7Jan 1762. They had
several children. For detailed description of family see pp
149-152 of the DAR Magazine issue of March 1922.
The other Burkhalter bros. who came from Alsace-Lorraine
also serv. in the Revolution. Peter b1731 d1803 was captain
commanding a company of Whitehall militia in 1775 and marr.
Maris Steckle. Abraham was Capt. in the SC Militia. John
was born 1713 and died @99 yrs and 6mos in 1812; he received
large grants of land in Wilkes Co. GA in 1784 for his Rev.
services and was one of the Grand Jurors empannelled for the
first Superior Court held in Bulloch Co. 1797. This John
marr. Sarah M., and in his will dated 1773, recorded at
Washington GA is named his sons: Michel, John, Joshua,
Jacob, Jeremiah, Isaac, and dau. Mary and Barborough. To
them he bequeathed all his "movable estate, consisting of
negroes, cows, horses, hogs and household effects." Jacob
Burkhalter, his son, also serv. in the Rev. under Gen'l
Clarke. He was a student of the family and a man of literary
tastes. He made his home in Warrenton, Warren Co. GA, where
he built the first Colonial house in that Co., the columns
of the porch being the square type used in that day. It was
here that Gen'l Lafayetts on his last visit to America spent
two wks being nursed back to health from a severe cold.
The Burkhalters treasure an heirloom, a glass mug which was
the General's gift to Jacob Burkhalter. His son was John
Lawson Burkhalter born 1805, whose portrait shown here
reproduced from an old daguerreotype. He was a man of 6'1"
weighing 300 pounds. The Burkhalter men are characterized by

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their great height and strong and sturdy build; seven of them served in the Rev. Among the Burkhalter heirlooms that were presented to the Museum at Memorial Continental Hall in Washington are: a miniature framed in pearls; a pocketbook slast brought from Alsace-Lorraine made of gold exquisitely chased in a design of fruits; a brown lustre vase, a tiny vinagrette; a ladies' quaint cap of real lace; an embroidered wallet and its contents of old papers; a Bible; and a set of China. John Lawson Burkhalter marr. Evelyn Catherine Scott, granddau. of Hugh Reese of VA, a Rev. soldier who rec'd a grant of land in Columbia Co. GA. Barbara

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Hi Cindi:

I have a Michael Burkhalter, son of Michael Burkhalter who came to Georgia 1735 from Luetzelfluss, Bern, Switzerland. The second Michael married Anna Denzler (Dantzler). I have found 7 children. Could these Burkhalters be connected somehow? The second Michael's daughter Elizabeth married Solomon Fudge in Edgefield Co., SC. They finally settled in Mississippi.

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I am looking for info on the surname BURKHALTER from SC or GA. I am hoping that by now Robert Nye has copies I sent. I have family group info on MICHAEL b ca 1725 d 1828 and married 1750 Martha Newsome. Michael had brothers Peter, John, Abraham and Joshua. Michael, Peter and John all had Rev War service. Michael's son John is shown as born in Edgefield SC in 1763, but it seems that there is >>> evidence that these brothers and their families joined Oglethorpe's settlement in Effingham Co GA, and orig came from the Alsace-Lorraine area of Germany/France. My line starts with William M Burkhalter, b ca 1811 in GA, married 9/24/1835 to Ann A Clements in Montgomery Co GA. They had children Gabriel M. Carroll Burkhalter (marr LouAnn Browning), Mary Ann, John M, Joseph C, Eliza S, and Margaret C. Margaret C. Burkhalter married Charles D. Browning, they are my ggGrndprnts. Any info on the BURKHALTER surname or any variation, such as Burkholder, Burckhalter, etc. would be appreciated. Cindi, NC SBFF60A

BURKHALTER FAMILY OF GEORGIA PIONEERS AND PATRIOTS

By Dolores Boisfeuillet Colquitt

HE name of Burkhalter is prolific in the State of Georgia where the family has been established since the earliest days of the Colonial era. They came with a group of German protestants of whom Smith's, "Georgia and Her People" says: "No people have been more noted for industry, robusty, and intelligence," and that while the Pilgrim Fathers, smaller in numbers than these Salzburgers, have a high place in American history, this colony of refugees has been neglected by historians.

The family of Burkhalter was established in Georgia by five brothers—Michel, Peter, Joshua, Abraham, and John—all of whom are said to have come from Alsace-Lorraine, where their family had sought refuge from religious persecution in Austria and Germany. Members of their sect were scattered as refugees in the Swiss and French Alps, Holland and England, and to alleviate their sufferings, General Oglethorpe offered them a asylum in the Colony of Georgia.



MISSES RUTH AND ESTHER SHORT, GREAT-GREAT-GRAND DAUGHTERS OF JOHN BURKHALTER, UNVEILING THE MARKER OVER HIS GRAVE WHICH WAS ERECTED BY THE LANAHAZEE CHAPTER OF GEORGIA

Negotiations were entered into and resulted in forty-two families, numbering in all seventy-eight souls, setting out for Rotterdam, where they embarked December 2, 1773, on a ship chartered for the purpose of transporting them to Dover, where they were to be received by the Trustees and forwarded to Georgia. On the eighth of January, 1774, having taken the oath of loyalty to the British Crown, they set sail on the ship Purisburg for Savannah where, after a tempestuous voyage, they arrived in March and were welcomed by General Oglethorpe. The

Burkhalters must have come on this ship as these historical facts coincide with the tradition that they came by way of Holland and on the second ship of colonists brought to Savannah. The Salzburgers ("famed for their solid worth") made their first settlement four miles below the present town of Springfield, in Effingham County, and called it Ebenezer. Their number was soon increased by the arrival of more of their co-religionists with whom they dispersed

to form new settlements, particularly at Frederica.

Michel Burkhalter, one of the five brothers already mentioned, was born in the year 1725, and the record of his death in an old family Bible, yet in existence, shows that he died in 1828 at the patriarchal age of one hundred and three years. He was a landholder, having received a grant of five hundred acres and made a purchase of a thousand ; cultivating these plantations with his slaves. At one time he was settled in Frederica and was one of the malcontents signing a declaration, addressed to the Trustees, regarding the unprosperous condition of the colony and asking for

relief to combat the unsatisfactory agricultural conditions. He also located in South Carolina thinking it a good centre for trading with the Indians, and it was while living there that his son John was born. John will be spoken of further on in this sketch.

Michel Burkhalter was a man of conse-

quence in his community, and in the Minutes of the Journal of the Trustees of Georgia, at their meeting held at Queen's Square, Westminster, August 17, 1745, "Mr. Burkhalter is named with the Rev. Mr. Bolzius, who came with the Salzburgers and played an important rôle in establishing them in Georgia. The Minutes show that these two gentlemen were selected by the Trustees to be the ones consulted regarding the disposition in settling seventy-three Germans—"about to be sent to the Colony." The minister was to have charge of those to locate at Ebenezer; and Mr. Burkhalter of those for the Township of Vernonburg and adjacent

villages. It is in the vicinity of Vernonburg (near Savannah) that there exists a settlement called Burkhalter and a road by the same name, derived from this member of the family.

In 1760 Michel appears as one of those possessing Headrights in Christ Church Parish. When the American Revolution



JOHN LAWSON BURKHALTER

came on, he gave his services and was at the Siege of Augusta, and wounded in the Battle of Kettle Creek.

He married in 1750, Martha Newsome, whose father was also a patriot in the Revolution and belonged to the Newsome family from Yorkshire, England. Martha was a woman of ability and a proper helpmeet for her husband. She, too, held Headrights in Christ Church Parish under date of 1752, and received a grant of land in Western Georgia in 1762. Being a woman of means, she contributed her time and money to the cause of independence; opening her home, which was near Kettle Creek, to wounded soldiers whom she nursed back to health.

It appears that Michel Burkhalter was twice married, as indicated in his will, but which, unfortunately, does not mention the name of his other wife. This will is dated January 7, 1762, and is now in the State Archives at the Capitol in Atlanta. It is written in the German lan-

guage and expresses himself in the quaint manner of a by-gone day in disposing of his household goods, slaves and negroes.

Michel Burkhalter and his wife Martha Newsome had several children, among whom was John, born at Edgefield, South

Carolina, in 1763. He was a versatile man, of great determination, and whom it is said never made another one like him. He was of heroic size, six feet two inches in height, and weighed nearly four hundred pounds.

It is related that when he was thirteen his father who was brought home wounded from the Battle of Kettle Creek, and while his

mother's attention was centred on caring for the wounded, he was able to slip away from home unobserved on his father's horse and reached the American forces in time to participate in the same Battle. He was captured by the British, but being only a child, was not closely guarded. Observing where the enemy kept his



EVELYN CATHERINE SCOTT, WIFE OF JOHN LAWSON BURKHALTER

horse, he bided his time, in the night crawled on his stomach until reaching the animal, he flung himself upon its back, and galloping off with the speed of Paul Revere. He never stopped until he reached his father's home and amazed the household with the story of his thrilling adventure. Down to the present day his descendants never ride their father's knee to "Banberry Cross" but always ride to and from "Kettle Creek" to the story of little John Burkhalter.

Following that experience, John Burkhalter served continuously in the militia until the close of the war, and afterwards received Revolutionary land grants in Washington County.

He settled in what is now Marion County, and having the idea that the county-seat should be located in the centre of the county, he determined to move the town of Tasewell to Buena Vista. This he accomplished in one night, "moving it between sundown and sunrise before an injunction could be served!" He laid the new town, reserving sites for a church and schoolhouse. He was literally the community guardian, and when a school teacher was lacking, he taught; when the preacher was absent, he preached; if the weather was cold, he hauled wood for use in the school and church. He was also Post-master and Judge of the City Court in addition to

which he was proprietor of a store and saw mill, and owned a large plantation and many slaves. He was a member of the Whig party and a personal friend of Henry Clay. A Georgia historian says that he was one of the first settlers of Marion County, having bought most of the County from the Indians, and from his "loins have sprung a host of descendants, including the Chief Magistrate of Texas, Governor O. B. Colquitt."

John Burkhalter died in 1845, aged ninety-eight years. His grave is located on a plantation some few miles from Buena Vista and has been marked by the Lanahassee Chapter of the Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution, and was unveiled by his great-great-granddaughters, Misses Ruth and Esther Short.

In 1792 he married in South Carolina, Sarah Harden, widow Loyless, daughter of Martin Hardin, II, who was in charge of supplies in Virginia during the Revolution, and Captain of the 3rd Virginia Militia in Colonial times.

John Burkhalter and Sarah Harden had a son, David Newsome Burkhalter, born 1803, who like his father was a dominant figure. He was among the first settlers of Pea Ridge, moving there in 1845. "He was a Methodist preacher, a large property owner, and a man of wide influence in public affairs. He was the first to represent the County of Marion in the State Legislature. It was long before any railroad penetrated this section and he usually made the trip to Milledgeville (then the Capital) behind two fine mules. While a resident of Tasewell, he built a church for the Methodists, and a courthouse, but changing his residence to Pea Ridge (Buena Vista), he moved the church, too."

He married Ann Eliza Short, granddaughter of Colonel Thomas Short, who served in the Revolution, and whose wife was Dorothy Jones, daughter of Peter Jones, of Petersburg, Virginia. This last named was a grandson of Abraham Wood, one of the four major generals commanding the military establishments in Virginia in 1646. Major Peter Jones was the son of Abraham Jones, who soon after 1680 was in command of Elizabeth

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City and James City, Virginia. His father was Reverend Richard Jones, of Welsh extraction, who married Lady Jeffries, of the Manor of Ley, and settled in Devonshire, England.

The other Burkhalter brothers, who came from Alsace-Lorraine, also served in the Revolution. Peter (born 1731, died 1803) was captain commanding a company of Whitehall militia in 1775. He married Marie Steckle. Abraham was a captain in the South Carolina militia in the Revolution. John was born 1713 and died aged ninety-nine years and six months in 1812. He received large grants of land in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1784, for his Revolutionary services, and was one of the Grand Jurors empanelled for the first Superior Court held in Bulloch County in 1797.

This John Burkhalter married Sarah M., and in his will, dated 1773, recorded at Washington, Georgia, is named his sons: Michel, John, Joshua, Jacob, Jereniah, Isaac, and his daughters, Mary and Barborough. To them he bequeathed all his movable estate, consisting of negroes, cows, horses, hogs, and household effects."

Jacob Burkhalter, his son, also served in the Revolution under General Clarke. He was the student of the family and a man of literary tastes. He made his home in Warrenton, Warren County, Georgia, where he built the first Colonial house in that County, the columns of the porch being the square type used in that day. It was here that General Lafayette on his last visit to America, spent two weeks being nursed back to health from a severe cold. The Burkhalters treasure an heirloom, a glass mug which was General Lafayette's gift to Jacob Burkhalter.

His son was John Lawson Burkhalter (born 1805), whose portrait is shown

here, reproduced from an old daguerreotype. He was a man of six feet one and a half inches in height and weighed three hundred pounds. He was conspicuous for the elegance of his dress, and "always wore a broadcloth suit, white vest, and carried a gold-headed cane." He owned many slaves and acres of land. He married Evelyn Catherine Scott, granddaughter of Hugh Reese, of Virginia, a Revolutionary soldier, who received a grant of land in Columbia County, Georgia.

The Burkhalter men are characterized by their great height and strong and sturdy build, and have given their services in every war of this country; seven of them serving in the Revolution. Their Spartan wives and mothers gave this country, for the recent war against Germany, seventeen male descendants of the original Michel and John Burkhalter. The women have come forward with enthusiasm also in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution. One of them, Mrs. John Franklin Little, of Washington, D. C. (descended from both Michel and John above), was recently instrumental in organizing a Chapter at Warrenton, Georgia, and through her successful efforts at research has enabled many of the Burkhalter descendants to become members of this organization.

Among the Burkhalter heirlooms which are to be presented to the Museum at Memorial Continental Hall in Washington, D. C., are: a miniature framed in pearls; a pocketbook clasp brought from Alsace-Lorraine, made of gold exquisitely chased in a design of fruits; a brown lustre vase; a tiny vinagrette; a ladies' quaint cap of real lace; an embroidered wallet and its contents of old papers; a Bible; and a set of china.

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I am searching for an Atkins who has the following Maiden Names of Burkhalter, Rowe, Goodnight, . They were all from Panola County, Mississippi around the 1880s and the early 1890s. Supposably Chet Atkins is my husbands Third cousin. I am trying to find a common link, and if i could find Chet's parents, Then i'd have a reference point to start. We are also connected to Tenn,VA,W,VA families of the Atkins but that's another adventure!

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Chester's parents were James Arlie Atkins and Ida Sharp. Arlie's parents were Sylvester "Wes" Atkins and Nancy Jane Zachery. Nancy's parents were John M. Zachary and Minerva Morning Myers. "Wes's" parents were Elige Atkins and Elizabeth Mullens. and Elige's parents were Louis Atkins and Elizabeth Monroe. That gets you back to from TN thru IN, to VA. I don't find anyone with any of the maiden names you mentioned that married an Atkins in the above mentioned

path.

I hope this helps. It should certainly give you a good start. I feel that somewhere between Lewis Atkins and Jamestown Island in 1610 there is a link in my line and Chet's. We have to many things in common for it to not be genetic. I have yet to find the link.

Good luck.

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